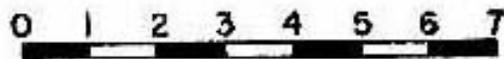


**Midas #1236  
FIRST CHAIN LAKE**

T26 ED, WESLEY, WASHINGTON CO., MAINE

336 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE

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T26ED, Wesley Twp., Washington Co.  
U.S.G.S. Wesley, ME (7 1/2')

## Fishes

Brook trout  
Rainbow smelt  
White perch  
Yellow perch  
Chain pickerel

Minnows  
Golden shiner  
White sucker  
Hornpout (bullhead)  
Pumpkinseed sunfish  
American eel

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 336 acres

Maximum depth - 31 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 71°F

30 feet - 63°F

Principal fisheries: Chain pickerel, white perch

First Chain Lake is located north of the "Airline" in Wesley. A good quality International Paper gravel hauling road provides access, and a decent area exists along the western shore to launch a boat.

The lake provides typical habitat for warmwater sportfish. Pickerel fishing is very good to excellent, with large (22-24") fish well represented in the population. White perch usually offer consistent action in the summer.

Although a few trout are creel in some winters, neither their numbers nor average size is noteworthy. Now that the old dam has been removed, it's easier for brook trout that inhabit the outlet, Chain Lake Stream, to move up into the lake. Chain Lake Stream, an important tributary to Old Stream, provides a pretty good seasonal trout fishery in the spring. The section downstream of the "Airline" has special regulations (including artificial lures only) to enhance the trout fishery. Anglers should consult their lawbook for the remaining regulations.

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